

First Shipload of British War Brides Reaches U. S.: 450 Women, 175 Children

By REILMAN MORIN
New York, Feb. 5.—Stoic, determined and bright, but radiant with anticipation, the first group of British war brides reached New York yesterday morning. One of them, who married American soldiers during the war, was reached New York from the tiny Argentine, after a nine-day nonstop voyage across the North Atlantic.

A total of 451 women and 175 children, all of whom had been delayed by bad weather, were expected to reach New York by noon today.

The wives ranged in age from Mrs. Ben F. Butler, 16, to Mrs.

Harold N. Cooper, 44.

With her 13-months-old daughter, Mary, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper had been married 17 years.

When the Argentines encountered

bad weather, they were confined to the ship's hospital under constant medical supervision by doctors and nurses.

British brides came from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Malta. They were destined for homes in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Patterson, N. J., and the size to which they would be reduced by July 1, according to recent statement by Secretary of War.

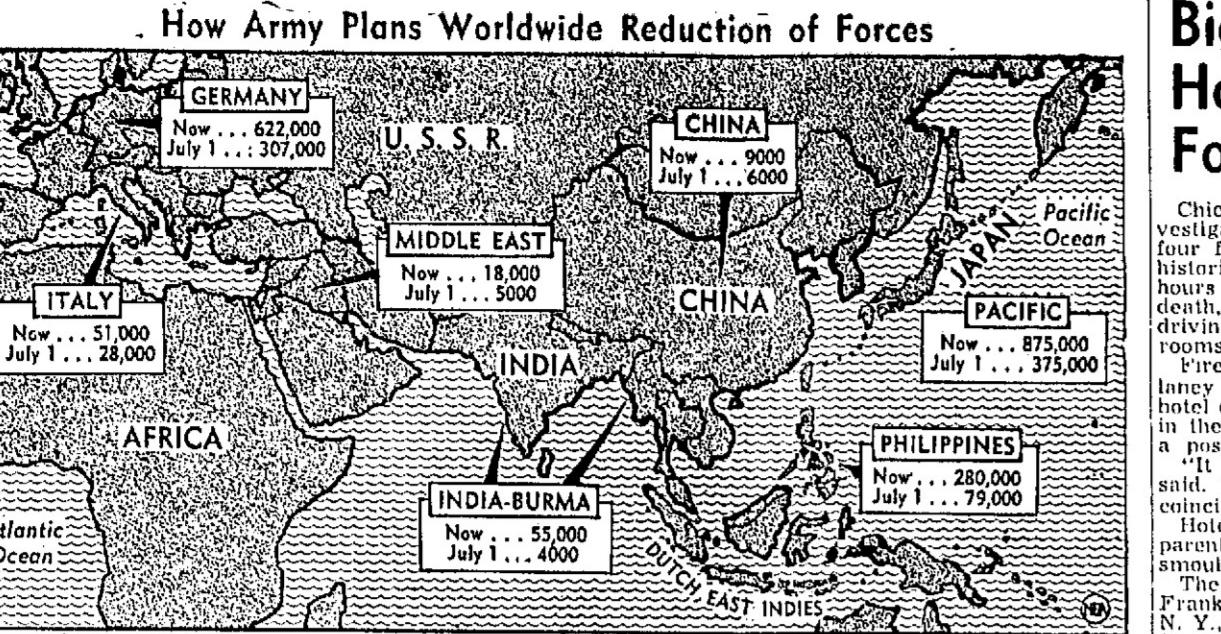
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Newspaper above shows present size of U. S. Army forces in various theaters throughout the world.

Paterson, N. J.

Big Chicago Hotel Hit by Four Fires

Chicago, Feb. 4.—(UPI)—An investigation was ordered today into four simultaneous fires at the historic Congress hotel within 11 hours, killing several persons and driving 1,000 persons from their rooms. Fire Marshal Anthony J. Mulaney scheduled a meeting with hotel officials in the lobby to watch for possible fire hazards.

"One or two fires could be a catastrophe," he said. Hotel officials said the first apparently had been caused by smoking.

The dead man, identified as Frank J. Van Hoosier, 32, bricklayer, was hospitalized for a good community, said the manager. He had a first-class tournament gymnasium with seating capacity to make exchanges.

We have said this many times, but it will always hold repeating," Mulaney said. "The War Department has issued the order for the Batman March of 1946, and I am sure that the

Twenty-four rooms were burned out entirely unusable by smoke and water.

The southerners, now rounding the Senate into such parliamentary finds that it has been un-

derstandable to think about the first time I saw this atomic bomb.

Shoreline, Feb. 4—(UPI)—A thousand people, mostly Thirties, and I was a sailor on a Great

England, and since it was during the Chicago World's Fair, I headed that the army took me to the army base, and the question meant of rejoining their husbands.

It took two years to bring British girls to American husbands, and the same time that ships brought wives to the American bases in the Far East. New England has been built up as a voyage.

There was a strange, pathetic and even a terrible voyage.

As the Argentines slipped past the women lined on the decks, began singing and dancing, and the sailors' tears streamed down their cheeks.

At almost the same instant, another ship, the *Empress of Canada*, for "God Bless America."

It was Saturday, Jan. 26.

On the *Empress*, as the ship passed Land's End and headed north, the sailors, who had been sleeping in a long ground-swell. Before noon, four-fifths of the crew collapsed on the decks.

The collapsed on the decks, fell in the passageways, limp and mis-

erable. Doctors, nurses, WACs, Red Cross personnel, and the ship's crew worked frantically to get

the building should be owned by the schools would impinge its usefulness, methods can and will endorse certain enterprises.

Mr. T. R. St. Robert, A. Taf, of the Employment Practices Commission, told the Senate that the army had agreed to drop certain petition is to put a vote.

If conferees continue to press for a vote, we will let them do it through the Senate," he said.

Taf said he would confer with Senator Taft on the legislation to be introduced.

The bill would forward a long-term contract for water-use operations back to a peacekeeping committee.

The bill is intended to secure continuation or a start on scores of rivers and harbors, to end the

current debate on the bill to establish

Employment Practices Commission.

Republicans at a formal party conference in the Senate, however,

had agreed to support the bill.

The bill would be introduced

in the House by Rep. John E. H. Mullin, Calif., and

Rep. John C. Stennis, Miss.

Both agreed, however, that the price increase—key to settling the walkout of 750,000 CIO members—should be developed later yesterday.

What disagreements had developed, however, were not disclosed.

They involved OPA Adminis-

trator Chester Bowles and Rec-

onator, and the two men were

at odds over the price question.

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four-hour vacation if the labor situation did not improve.

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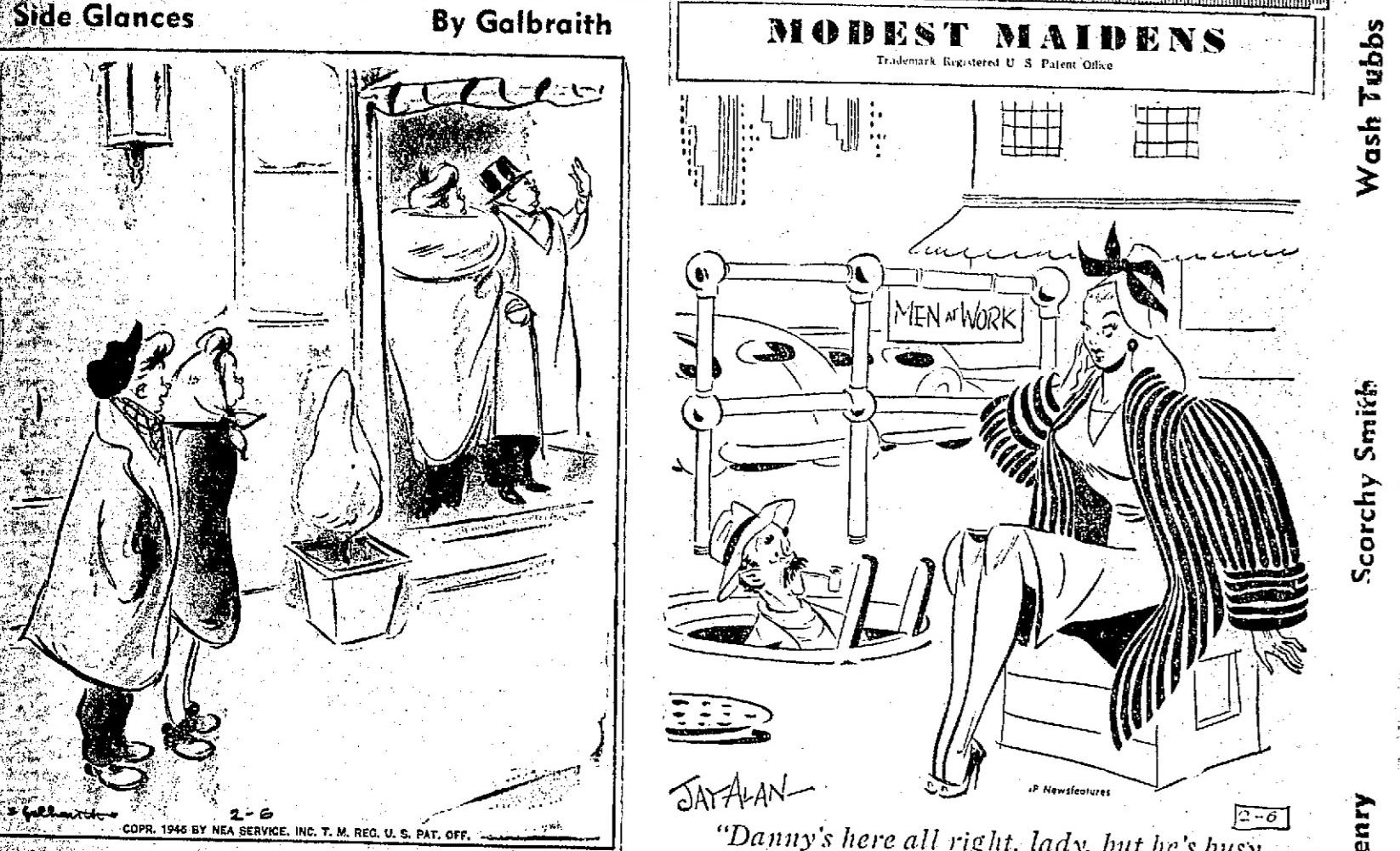
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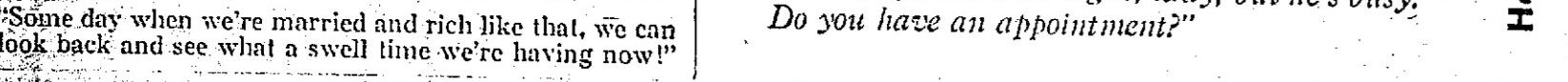
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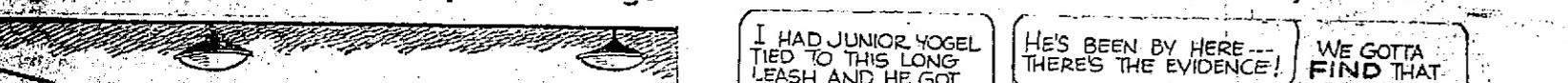
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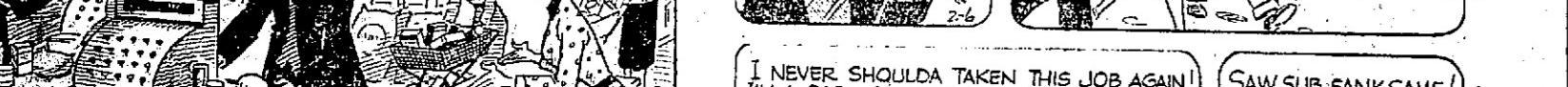
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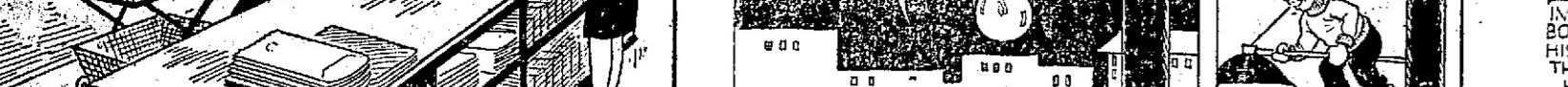
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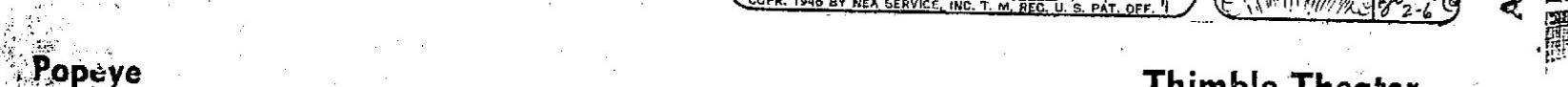
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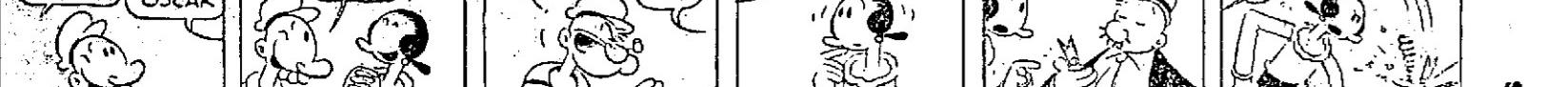
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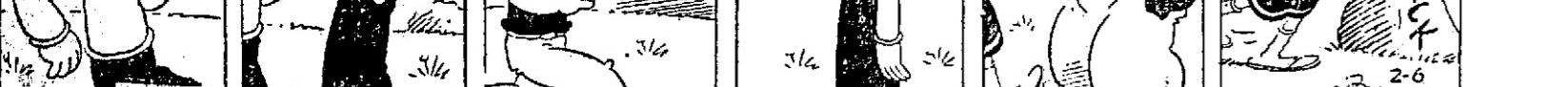
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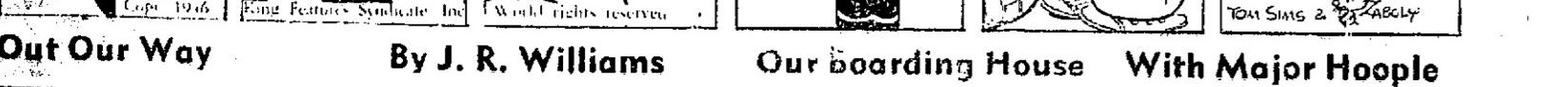
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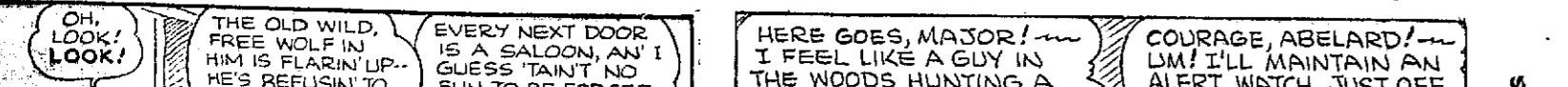
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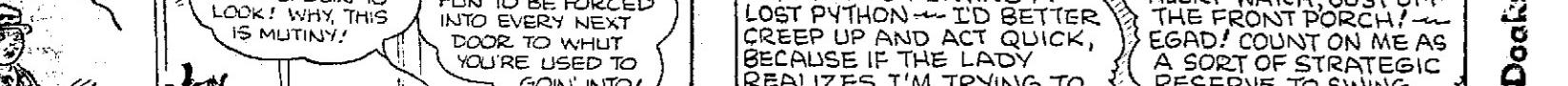
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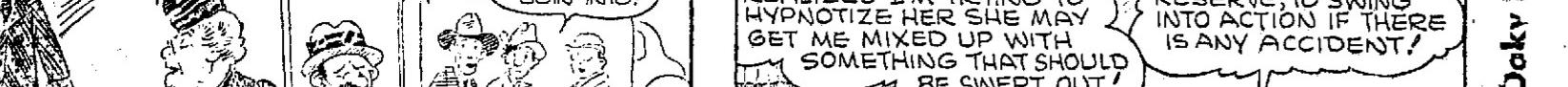
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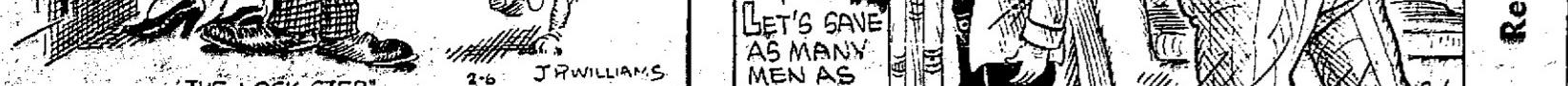
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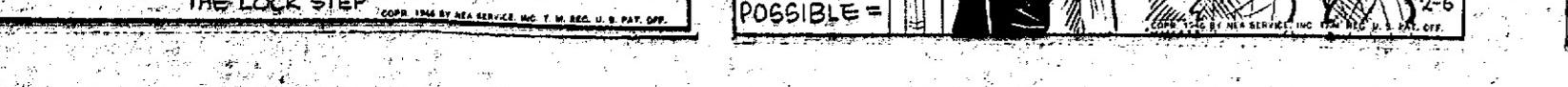
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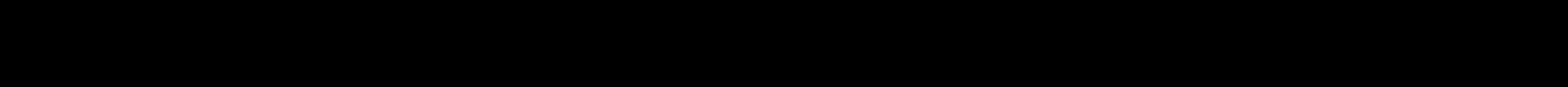
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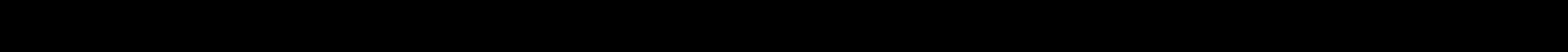
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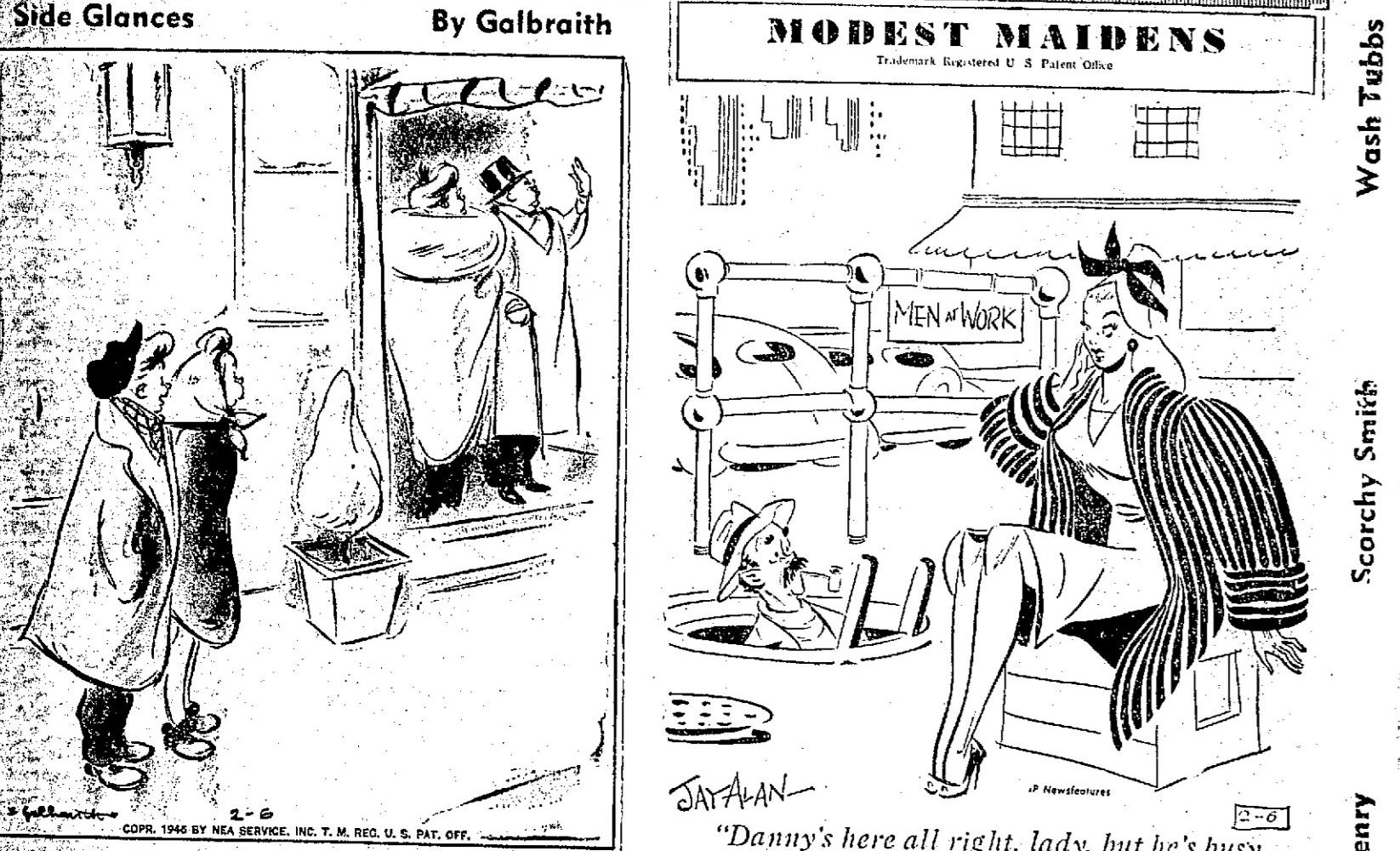
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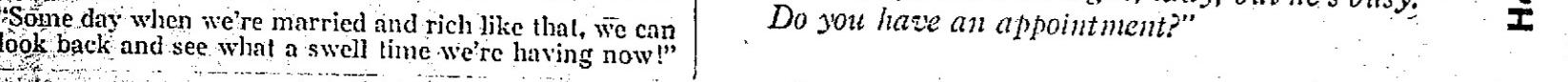
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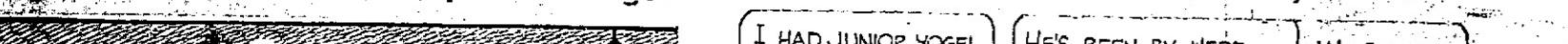
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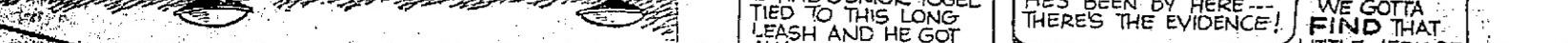
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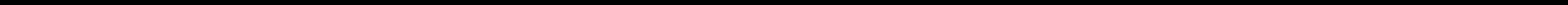
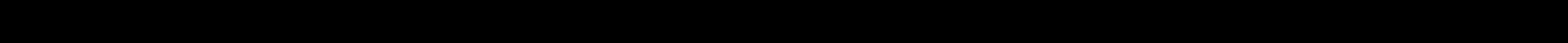
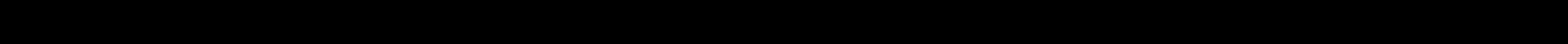
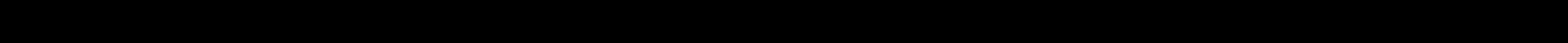
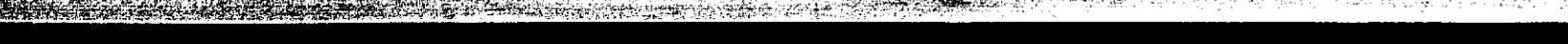
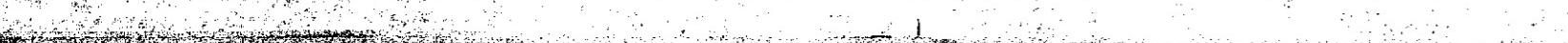
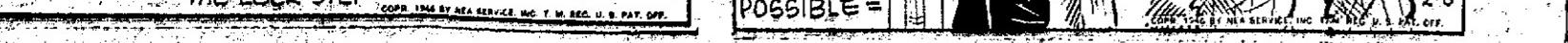
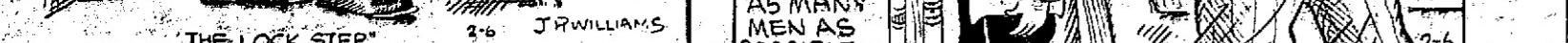
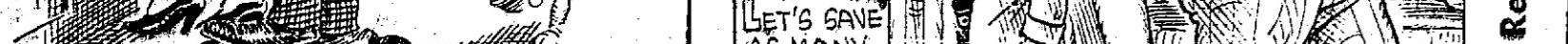
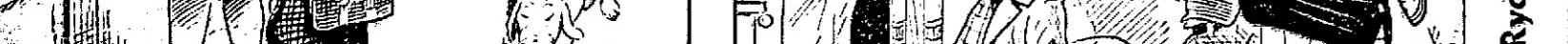
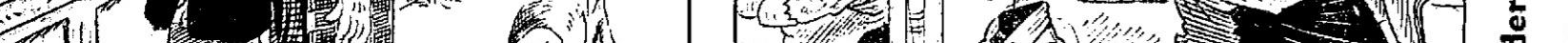
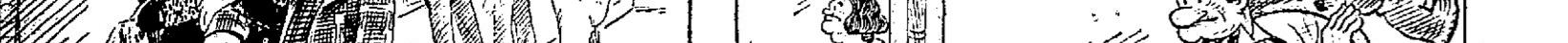
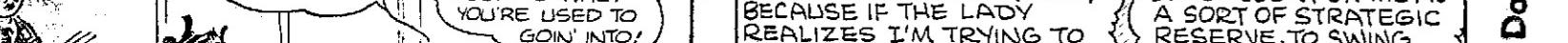
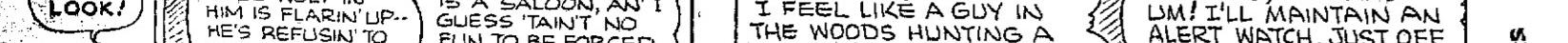
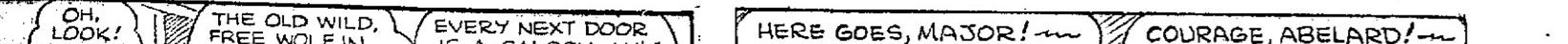
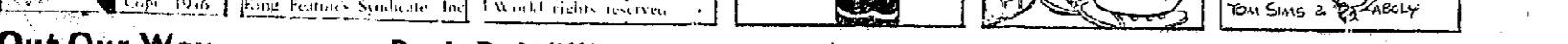
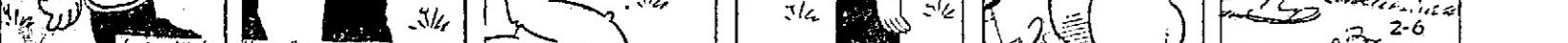
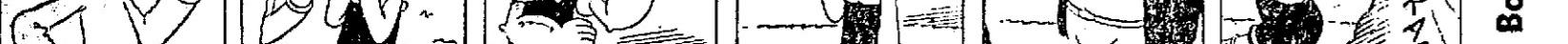
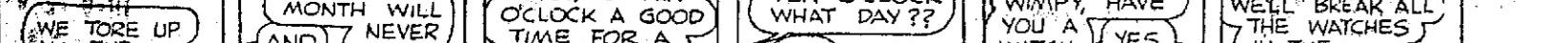
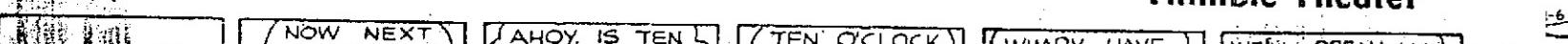
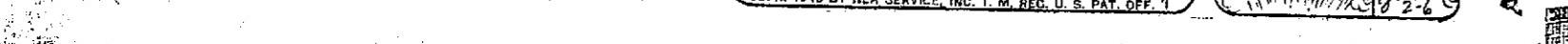
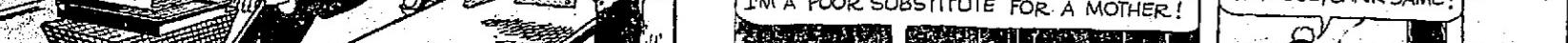
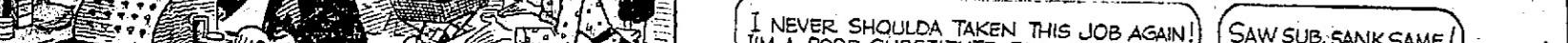
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Tax Refunds Given 242 Arkansans

Washington, Feb. 4—(Special) Refunds totaling \$1,000,000 were made by the Bureau of Internal Revenue to 242 Arkansas individuals during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, the latest figures announced today.

Largest refund was \$2,000 given to the H. H. H. Company, Fort Smith, Airming the largest was \$22,728.82 to the Arkansas Lumber Company, Warren. Most refunds came from collections under the Federal tax on the production of tonnage, tributaries and employment taxes.

Arkansas lumber firms were entitled to refunds under the tonnage tax because their crews are not employed by those companies where they actually work. The courts held that the federal taxes were deductible by the contractors and unemployment taxes were deductible by the contractors.

Refunds included:

income social security and unemployment taxes such as the distilled spirits tax, some excess profits tax. In some instances refunds were granted because of errors in returns that justified refunds in other cases.

The tax on tonnage was recovered after making payments under

Other refunds of \$1,000 or more to Arkansas taxpayers included:

Anthony Jr., Magnolia,

\$1,488.44.

Bradley Lumber Company, War-

bush, P. B. Briggs, Hope, \$1,302.74.

O. B. Cook, Auction City Lumber,

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